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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 ALI AKBAR MEFTAHI,

Case No. 2:24-cv-00790-MJP

10 Plaintiff,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER

11 v.

12 ERIC GAUDIOSI, *et al.*,

Noted for Consideration:
October 1, 2024

13 Defendants.

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15 Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule
16 of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to
17 stay these proceedings through December 10, 2024. Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the
18 Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to
19 readjudicate Plaintiff's son's immigrant visa application. This case is currently stayed through
20 October 11, 2024. Dkt. No. 6, Order. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold
21 this case in abeyance through December 10, 2024.

22 Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
23 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
24 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
2 P. 1.

3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
4 intervention. Plaintiff’s son’s visa application is currently refused under INA § 221(g), 8
5 U.S.C.1201(g) for administrative processing. The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi recently requested
6 that Plaintiff’s son submit further information. Additional time is needed to allow for this
7 information to be submitted and then for the Embassy to review and process this information,
8 which may lead to re-adjudication.

9 Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the instant action be stayed until
10 December 10, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before December 10,
11 2024.

12 DATED on this 1st day of October, 2024.

13 Respectfully submitted,

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1 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2 The case is held in abeyance until December 10, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint
3 status report on or before December 10, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

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5 DATED this 2nd day of October, 2024.

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9 MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States Senior District Judge

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